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SUBJECT: IRAQI CITIZENS

REFERENCE: STATE 28521 TELECON GROENEWEG (VO)
ND MCLEAN (PANAMA) 2/3/78; ATHENS 0969 (NOTAL)

1. DEPT ADVISED BY INS/CO THAT IRAQI GROUP REPORTED
REFTELS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY PANAMANIAN CONSUL IN
MADRID TO ENTER PANAMA. GROUP REPORTEDLY BOOKED A
DIRECT FLIGHT (IBERIA 947) FROM MADRID TO PANAMA, SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 1978.

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM, PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES
OF GROUPS' PLANS AND BACKGROUND. PLEASE POINT OUT THAT
MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR ENTRY INTO THE
UNITED STATES AS NON-IMMIGRANTS. IF THEY APPLIED FOR
IMMIGRANT VISAS, AT LEAST SOME OF THEM WOULD HAVE TO
REMAIN IN PANAMA INDEFINITELY, AND SOME WOULD PROBABLY

NOT QUALIFY FOR AN IV AT ALL. WE ALSO WISH TO AVOID THE EMBARRASSMENT TO BOTH THE USG AND GOP IF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE CANAL ZONE.

3. PLEASE REPORT DEVELOPMENTS. PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY CANAL ZONE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. VANCE

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